SO...

WHO'S IT GOING TO BE?

UNFORTUNATELY,
I'LL HAVE TO PASS
ON THIS.

BABYSITTING
ISN'T REALLY MY FORTE,
AND WITH MY PERSONALITY,
YOUR SON MIGHT ACTUALLY
KILL ME IN MY SLEEP
ONE DAY.

NO DOUBT
YEP
TRUE
AH... YES...
TOLD YA...
MAKES SENSE...
YES...

I WAS ACTUALLY HOPING DURDEN OR HELEN WOULD ACCOMPANY ARTHUR.

HONESTLY, WE CAN'T OFFER MUCH, BUT ALICE AND I ARE MORE THAN WILLING TO COMPENSATE YOU IN WHATEVER WAY WE CAN IF YOU DO THIS FOR US.

DON'T TALK LIKE THAT, REY.

WE'RE ALL FAMILY HERE. I'D LOVE TO ACCOMPANY ARTHUR AND WATCH HIM GROW.

DURDEN'S RIGHT.
YOU SHOULD KNOW
BY NOW THAT WE WOULDN'T
DO THIS FOR THE MONEY.

BESIDES, WE MANAGED

TO GET QUITE A BIT OF TREASURE FROM OUR LAST DUNGEON RAID.

JASMINE?
BUT YOU HATE
ESCORTING MISSIONS,
EVEN MORE THAN
ADAM.

IT'S FINE...
SINCE IT'S
ARTHUR.

LOGICALLY SPEAKING,
JASMINE IS THE MOST SUITABLE
PERSON TO PROTECT ARTHUR.

DURDEN SPECIALIZES
MOSTLY IN DEFENSIVE
AREA-OF-EFFECT SPELLS
FOR LARGER PARTIES.

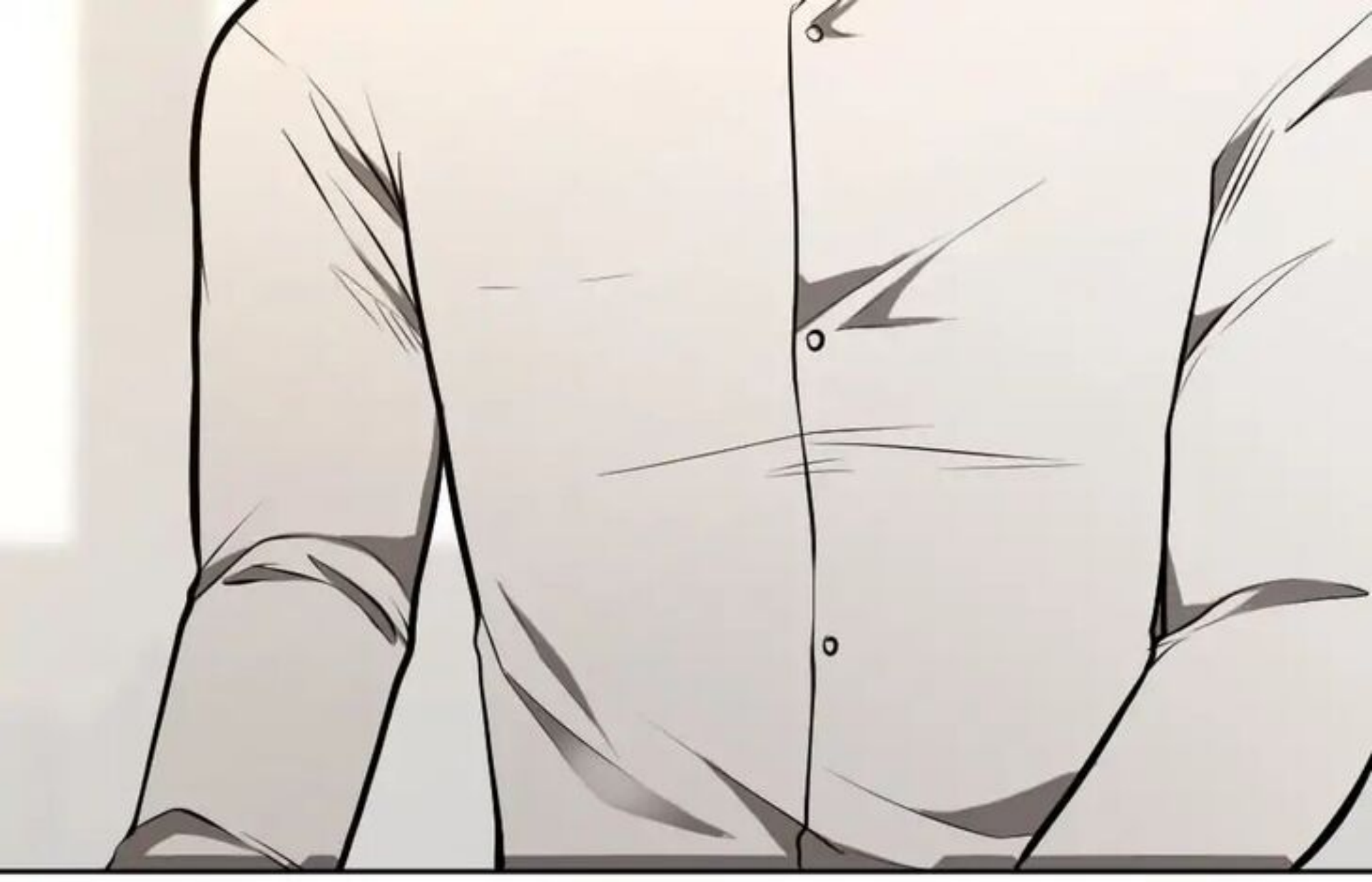
AND PROTECTION
ISN'T REALLY MY STRONG
SUIT EITHER.

JASMINE, ARE YOU
SURE YOU'RE FINE
DOING THIS?

JUST LET
HER GO.

SHE'S THE ONLY AUGMENTER AMONG US WITH AN ELEMENTAL AFFINITY. SHE JUST BROKE PAST THE LIGHT ORANGE STAGE LAST YEAR AND WITH HER WIND-ATTRIBUTE, SHE PROBABLY IS THE BEST SUITED.

I AGREE...
ALTHOUGH IT'S A PITY.
I WOULD'VE LIKED TO ACCOMPANY ARTHUR BUT IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE FOR MORE THAN ONE OF US TO GO.



MAYBE NEXT TIME, DURDEN.

THANKS, REY.

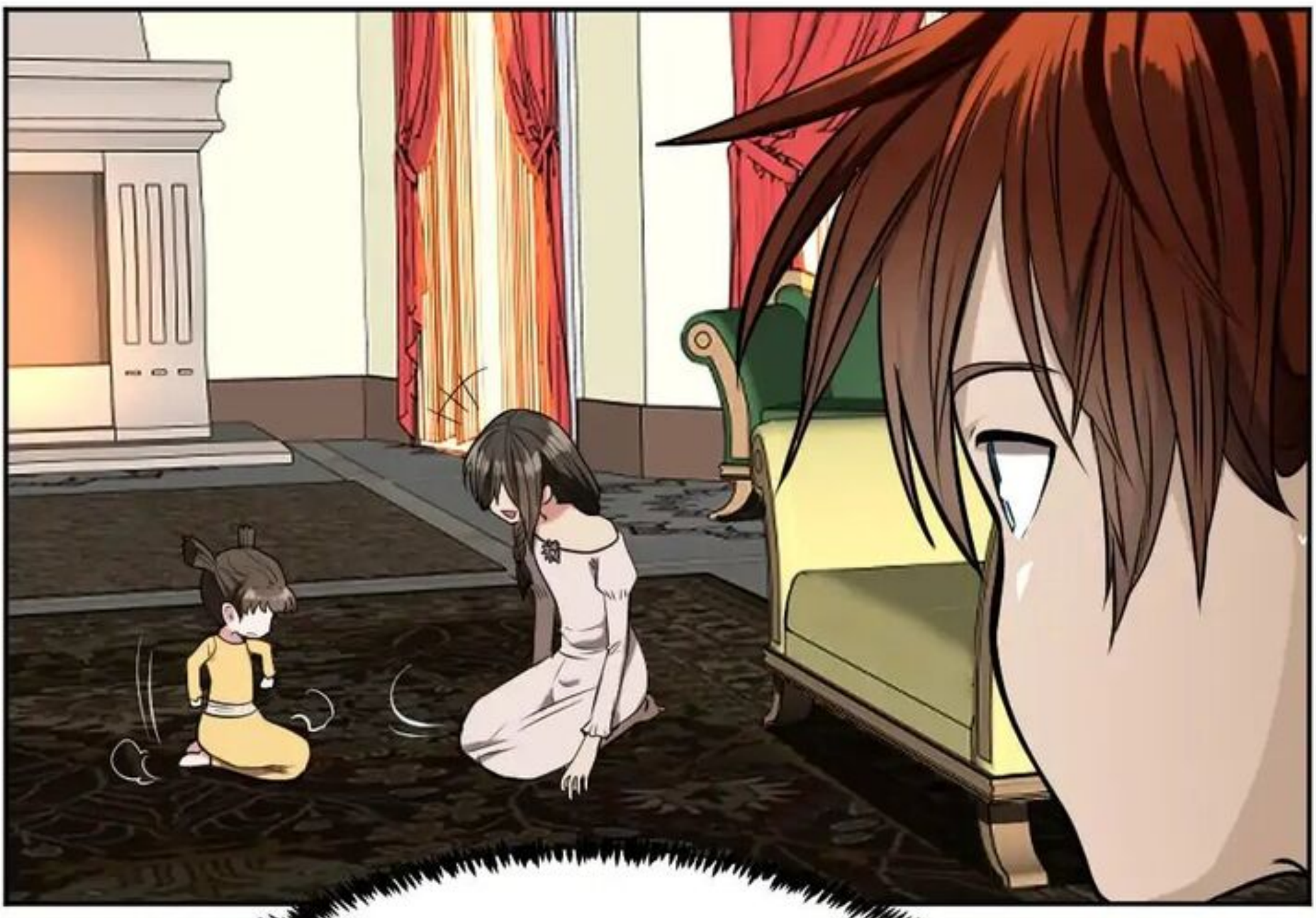
LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE IN YOUR CARE.

LILY!!
NO FAIR TRAINING
WITHOUT ME!

IT LOOKS LIKE LILIA
IS ABLE TO MEDITATE ON
HER OWN A BIT, EVEN
WITHOUT ME IMBUING

MANA INTO HER.

ELLIE SHOULD BE ABLE TO AWAKEN AT AGE 7 OR 8 IF SHE ACTUALLY HAS THE PATIENCE TO MEDITATE, BUT...



MAYBE IT'S FOR THE BETTER THAT SHE DOESN'T AWAKEN TOO EARLY. I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF ALL OF THAT ATTENTION ON HER.

OH YEAH.
DAD, CAN WE GO TO THE AUCTION HOUSE REAL QUICK? I WANTED TO PICK OUT A SWORD SINCE I COULDN'T THE LAST TIME WE WERE THERE.

SURE, KIDDO.

DON'T STAY TOO LONG.

I'M GOING TO START PREPARING DINNER RIGHT NOW.

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LILIA'S FATHER AND MOTHER HAD BEEN WORKING AT THE AUCTION HOUSE AND WERE WAITING FOR US.

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I HAD SEEN EITHER OF THEM SINCE THE INCIDENT, AND I WAS FACED WITH A LONG STRING OF QUESTIONS FROM THEM REGARDING MY HEALTH.

I DID MY BEST TO REASSURE THEM THAT I WAS FINE AND THAT I WAS HAPPY IT WAS ALL OVER, BUT THEY WERE LESS THAN PLEASED BY THE KING'S BEHAVIOR REGARDING THIS INCIDENT.

BAH! I BET THOSE TWO GUARDS GETTING FIRED IS JUST A TEMPORARY MEASURE UNTIL THINGS COOL DOWN.

IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE THEY HAVE THEIR POSITIONS BACK!

THAT'S WHAT I FIGURED.

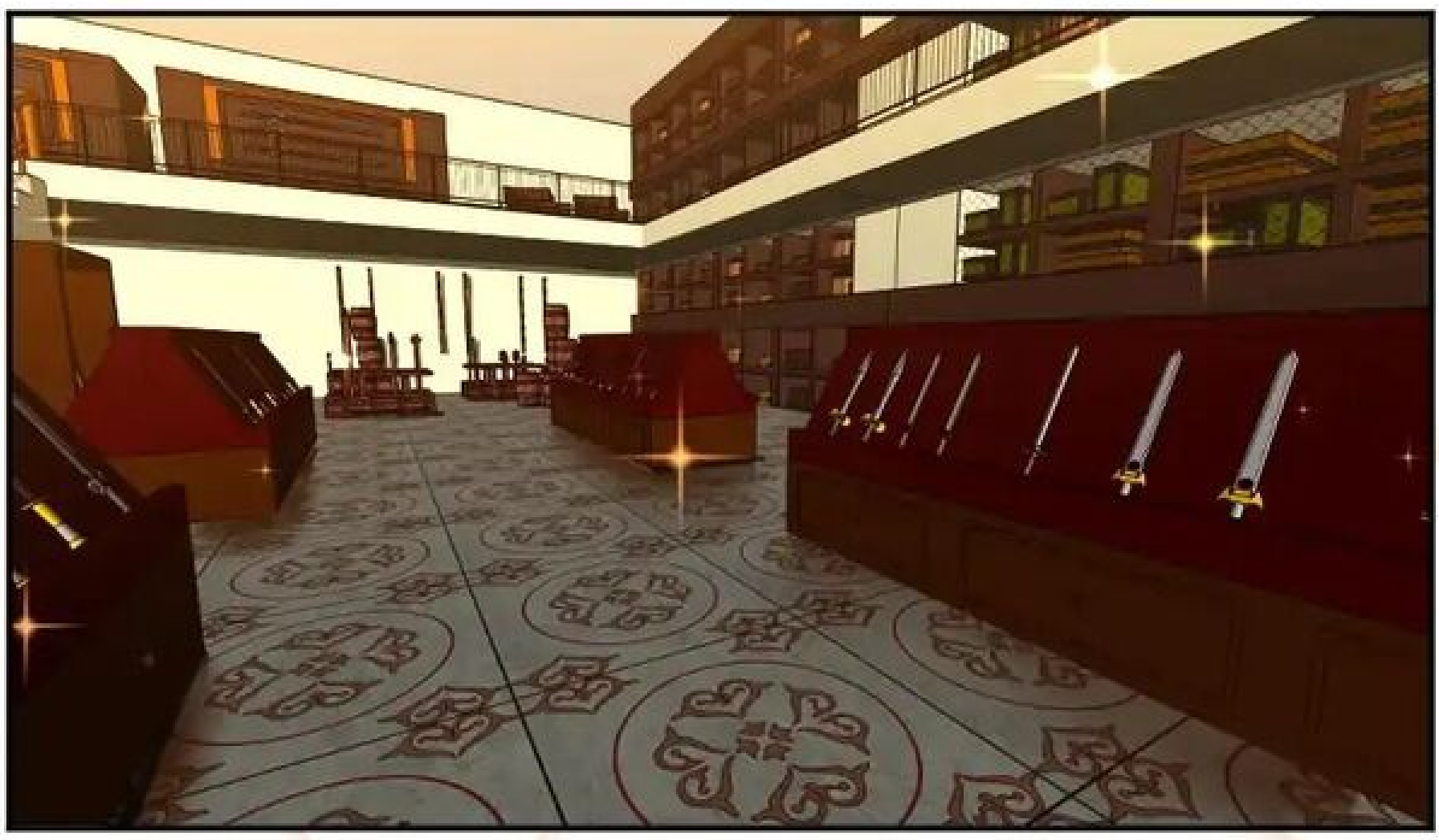
COUGH

WE CAME HERE
BECAUSE I NEEDED
TO FIND A SWORD BEFORE
I TAKE MY APPLICATION TEST
AT THE ADVENTURERS
GUILD.

AH! OF COURSE!
I ALMOST FORGOT!

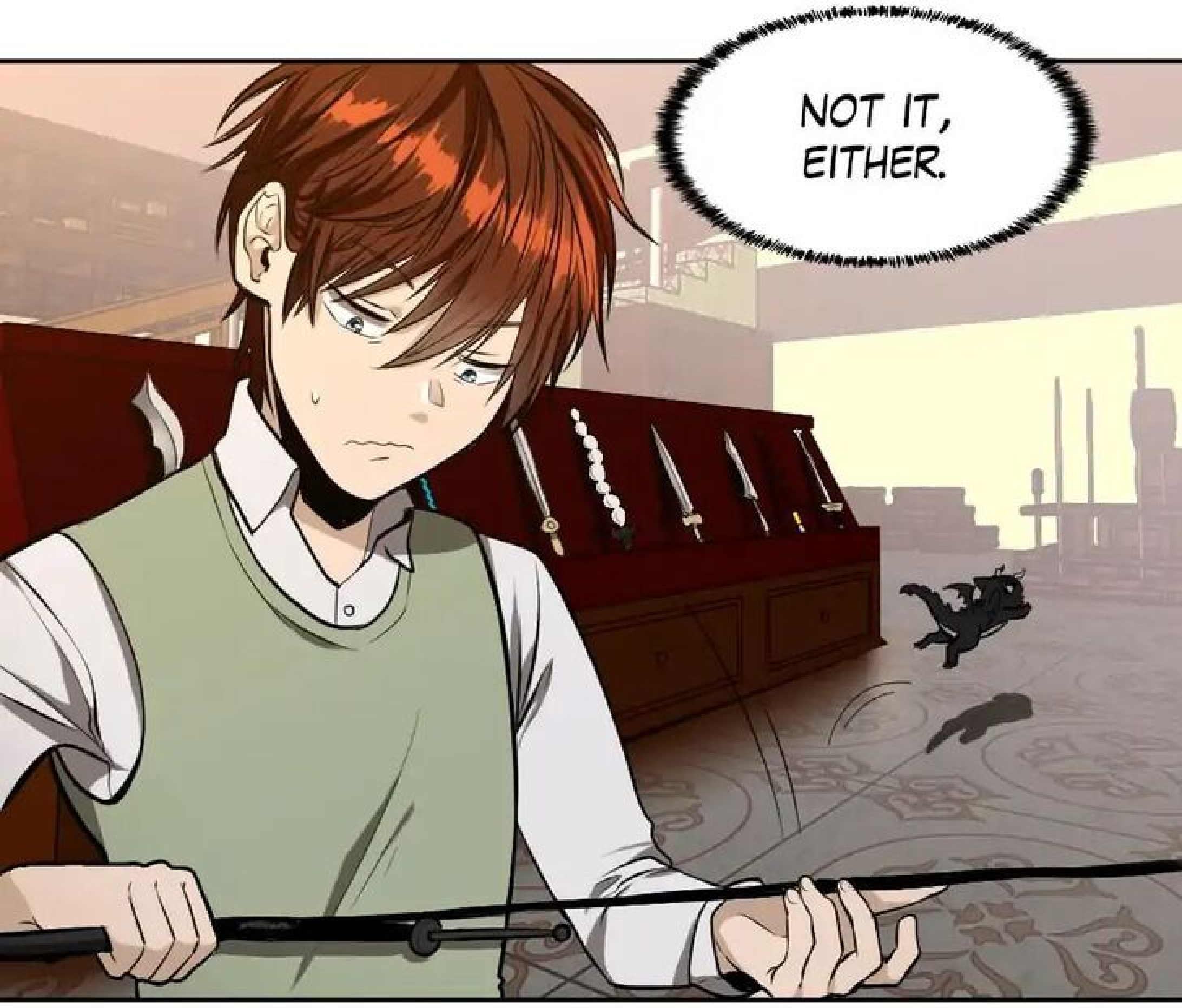
IT MIGHT TAKE SOME TIME FOR YOU
TO FIND SOMETHING YOU LIKE
BUT YOU'RE FREE TO DIG

BUT YOU'RE FREE TO DIG AROUND!



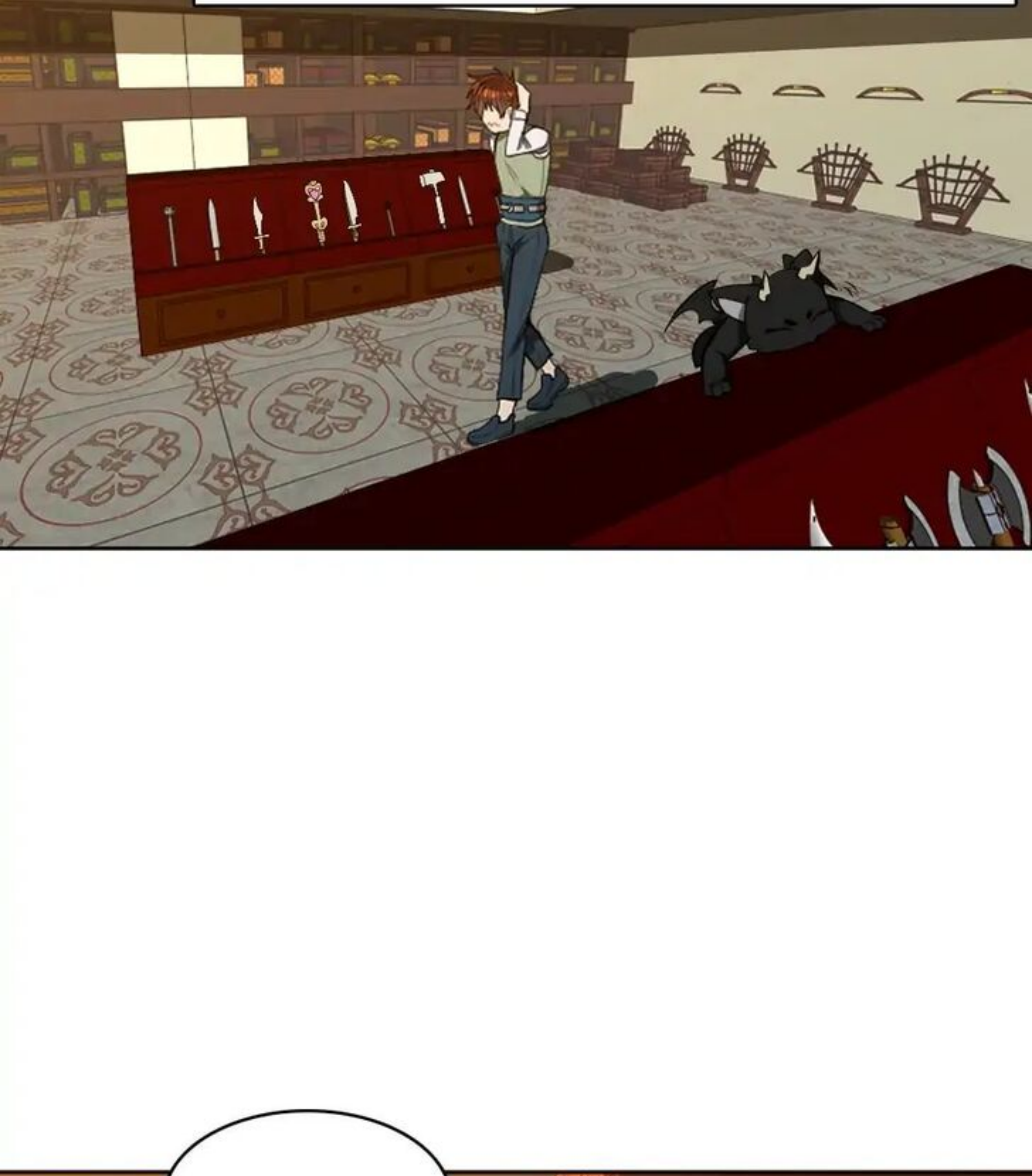
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE.

SO MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF SWORDS BUT NOTHING THAT I WANT.


NOT IT,
EITHER.

IT MUST BE BECAUSE OF HOW MANY WARRIORS IN THIS WORLD ARE AUGMENTERS, BUT THERE ARE SO MANY MORE TWO-HANDED SWORDS OR LARGE ONE-HANDED ONES.

MY SEARCH FOR A DEPENDABLE SWORD THAT I COULD USE WITH THIS SMALLER BODY BORE LITTLE FRUIT.



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I WAS TEMPTED TO GIVE UP AND PERHAPS FIND A MORE UNIQUE WEAPON IN THE MEANTIME.

HIYAA!

JUST--
STUPID.

KYUU!

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

SYLV?

DID YOU FIND SOMETHING?

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

KYUU!

A STICK?
NOT QUITE WHAT
I WAS LOOKING FOR,
SYLV.

KUU!

OKAY, OKAY.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT ME TO DO WITH A STICK THO--

IT'S HEAVY.

THE BALANCE IS OFF FOR JUST A STICK. IT'S ALMOST AS IF IT'S A...

THIS IS
A SWORD!

KRRRT

KRRRT

DO I NEED TO IMBUE IT WITH MANA IN ORDER TO USE IT?

HUMM
HUMM

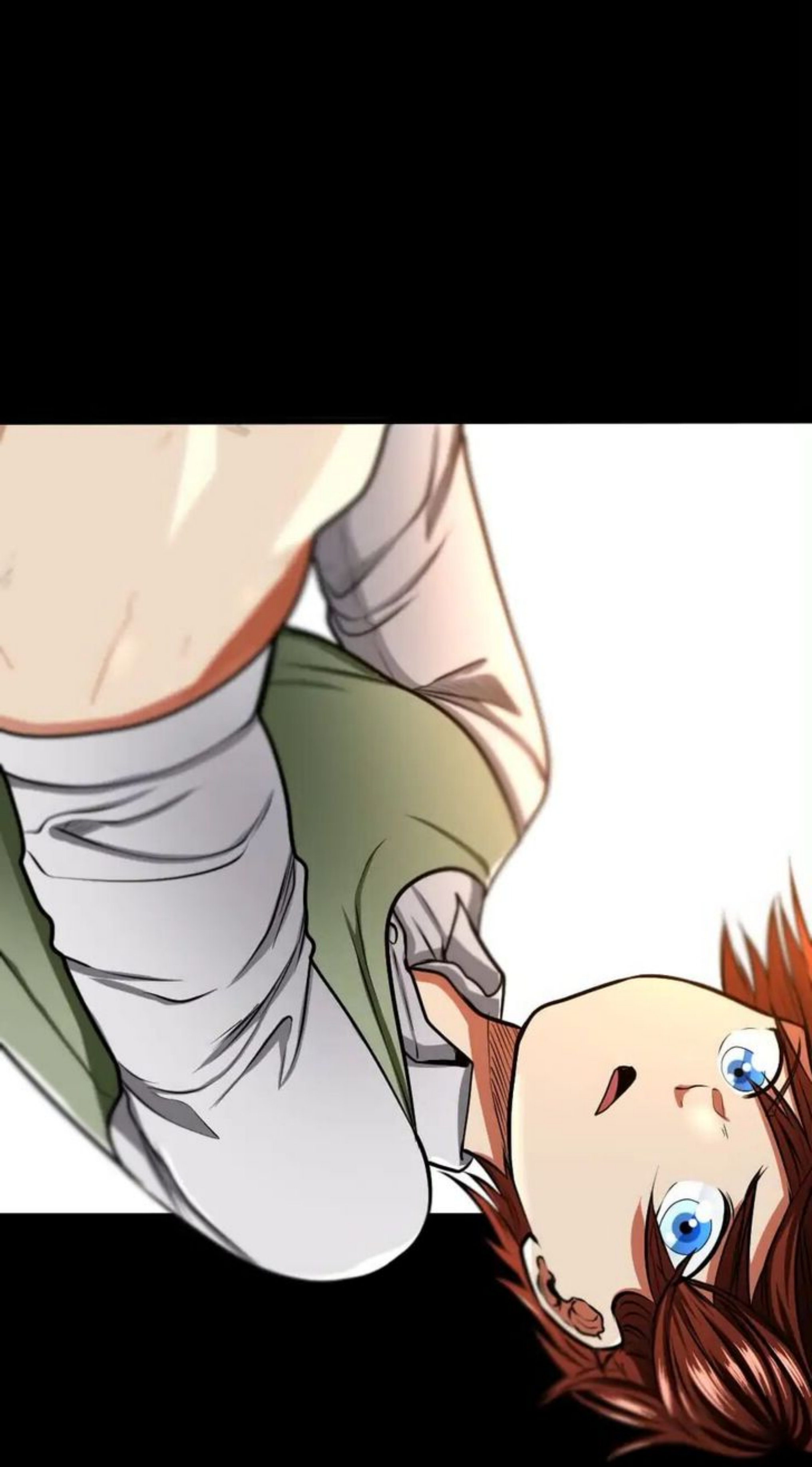
SHK SHK

I CONTINUED TO TEST MY THEORY BY UTILIZING ALL OF THE ELEMENTS AT MY DISPOSAL BUT THE SWORD REMAINED STUCK.

MAYBE IT REACTS TO A CERTAIN ELEMENTAL AFFINITY?

ZZZAP

IF IT'S NOT
A SPECIFIC ELEMENT
THAT UNLOCKS IT,
THEN WHAT...



NO WAY...
IT CAN'T BE.

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